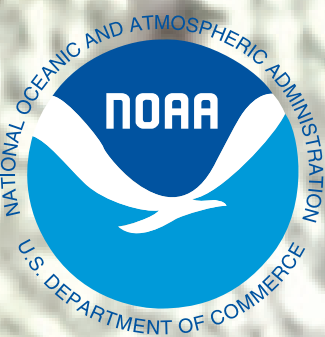


A close-up photograph of a shark's eye. The eye is large and round, with a dark, pupil-like opening in the center. The surrounding tissue is a light, silvery-grey color, which is the tapetum. The texture of the skin around the eye is visible, showing small, bumpy scales. The background is dark and out of focus.

DID YOU KNOW?

The back of sharks' eyeballs have a reflective layer of tissue called a *tapetum*. This helps sharks see extremely well with little light.



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